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Preliminary Amendment Dated 07/14/04

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

By this Amendment, claims 1 and 2 are amended. Claims 1-48 are pending. No new matter is added.

This Amendment is submitted to distinguish the claimed invention from U.S. Pat. No. 5,073,575 to Blanch et al. and U.S. Pat. No. 5,134,035 to Kumar et al. cited in an International Search Report issued on February 5, 2004 and in the corrected International Search Report issued on April 20, 2004 in corresponding PCT application No. PCT/US2003/030437.

Support for the amendment of claims 1 and 2 can be found in the instant specification on page 8, line 8-31, page 9, lines 1-8 and page 12, lines 27-29. At the time of filing the application, Applicants were in possession of an embodiment wherein an SH group was pending from at least one nitrogen and/or at least one carbon atom of the polyurethane. This includes the embodiment wherein if the SH group was pending from only at least one carbon atom of the polyurethane, a group other than the SH group was pending from at least one nitrogen.

It is respectfully submitted that the application is in good form for initial examination on the merits. Accordingly, prompt and favorable examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is desirable in order to place the application in even better condition for initial examination and allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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